

These minutes were reviewed and amended (PER and ER were spelled out) at the March 11th meeting, 2015. Wayne motioned to accept as amended, Don seconded, minutes passed 4-0. David Whitney was absent.

**Meeting of the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Committee
February 25th, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
at the Fire District Office**

Members attending: **Keith Grimes, Wayne Manning, David Whitney, Don Lovejoy, Bill Ballou**

Guests attending: **Bob Dufresne & Andrea Day** – Dufresne Group, **Jerry Barcelow** – Administrative Advisor, **Heidi Vogt** – Bookkeeper

Keith, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

PUBLIC WALK INS:

There were no public walk-ins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for February 25th, 2014 were reviewed. **David W.** motioned to accept as submitted, **Bill** seconded, and the motion was declared by the Chair.

WATER: Guests from Dufresne Group were given the floor. Discussion ensued with regard to the project needed within the District, priorities, funding, and what comes next. **Bob Dufresne** suggested that if [our] loan goes to bid he suspects the loan would be a 30 year term at roughly 2.5% with 45% of the loan becoming a grant. Next steps: 1) Send in grant application to subsidize the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report. 2) After approval and notification of amount to be awarded towards the reports, a construction loan/grant application will need to be submitted to the USDA-Rural Development. 3) After approval is received the project will go out to bid.

Heidi submitted a first draft proposal for a new rate schedule. It was reviewed and amended for re-submission at the next meeting.

Keith inquired regarding to the pipe crossing under the Chelsea St bridge. **Wayne** reported that it is not in any apparent danger of freezing; however some minor repairs will need to be completed this summer to maintain safety from freezing.

FIRE: There was no update available.

RESCUE: **Heidi** reported on behalf of Rescue. Calls for the year are similar to last year. David Palmer will be attending fall prevention training March 16 & 17. This training will be a revenue generation through a grant from the State. David feels that he should be in Tunbridge to represent the Rescue Department for

Town Meeting Day, and requests others to be at Royalton and Sharon. David has had two meetings with Gifford and other services on working together for trainings. So far things are looking good, and they have applied for a grant which looks promising. A communications grant that the Squad has applied for is progressing and should be able to be in place soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne discussed spreading the word around Town for residents to run water to keep our pipes from freezing. MANY Towns have had this problem with the cold.

Wayne completed the hydrant shoveling as requested at the previous meeting. He left some snow around them to maintain some insulation from the cold.

Don motioned to adjourn, **Bill** seconded and the motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next meeting 3/11/2014

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi L. Vogt
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper